

House Resolution No. 2279

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which admirably promote high standards of living in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their civic-minded activities; and

Whereas, the Southeast Missourian newspaper has attained considerable distinction since being founded more than one hundred years ago by visionaries George and Fred Naeter; and

Whereas, Southeast Missourian owners, management, and employees of Rust Communications will enhance their already impressive record of achievement when they are given a well-deserved Special Service Award from the Southeast Missouri Hospital Board of Trustees at the Southeast Missouri Hospital Association annual dinner meeting on April 21, 2005; and

Whereas, the Southeast Missourian was guided by Gary Rust from 1986 until 2001 when Jon and Rex Rust took over the business reins from their father to continue operating the community newspaper for the good of the community, the region, and those without a voice; and

Whereas, the Southeast Missourian illustrates journalistic excellence through its coverage of healthcare advances at Southeast Missouri Hospital, its civic commitment and emphasis on public welfare, and its humanitarian concerns reflected in ongoing coverage of life-enriching and life-preserving developments; and

Whereas, the Southeast Missourian through Rust Communications participates in the Million Dollar Club of the Southeast Missouri Hospital Foundation as a Gold Arrow Partner and in the Foundation's annual giving program as a Millennium Partner; and

Whereas, the Southeast Missourian underwrites the United Way; sponsors outstanding cultural events, literacy campaigns, and holiday drives that ensure that youngsters and the elderly know their community cares about them; aids local police and firefighters; and supports area schools and Southeast Missouri State University programs:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history of the Southeast Missourian newspaper and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations for their organization's well-deserved selection for a Special Service Award from the Southeast Missouri Hospital Board of Trustees; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Southeast Missourian newspaper.

Offered by _____
Representative Nathan D. Cooper
District No. 158

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2279, adopted April 19, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker